

REMARKS

Claims 8 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,625,327, hereinafter Ohshima. In response to that rejection, the rejected claims 8 and 14 have been canceled, and dependent claims 9 and 12 have been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the application should now be in condition for allowance.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this Amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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